

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 992

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Roger and Christine Jones on the occasion of their retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Roger and Christine Jones are one such estimable couple who have served with distinction for over fifty years as librarians at Tennessee Technological University (TTU); and

WHEREAS, Christine Jones has served more than fifty-eight years as a TTU librarian and retired from the position of regional history librarian, while Roger Jones has dedicated more than fifty-two years to the library and retired as the coordinator of collection management and development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Jones began their much deserved retirement on January 4, 2008; a reception was held in their honor and was attended by the current TTU President, Bob Bell, as well as former TTU President Angelo Volpe; and

WHEREAS, the Joneses first met in the TTU library when Christine Jones was a student library worker and asked a mutual friend to introduce her to Roger Jones; and

WHEREAS, both of them went on to earn their library science degrees from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; Mrs. Jones obtained her degree in 1948 and began working at TTU two weeks later, while Mr. Jones pursued his degree at the urging of his wife and obtained it five years after the couple married in 1955; and

WHEREAS, during their illustrious tenures at TTU, Roger and Christine Jones endured many changes and challenges in the dynamic library world, the most difficult being the conversion of the library's classification system from the Dewey Decimal to the Library of

Congress classification system, in which every label and record of each item had to be changed by hand; and

WHEREAS, the couple's commitment to exemplary service to their patrons was evinced during this time as they used both systems so that students would continue to have access to the materials; and

WHEREAS, although they are looking forward to a restful and leisure retirement, both of them will most miss the interaction they enjoyed with the faculty, staff, and students of Tennessee tech; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Jones exemplify the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout their estimable careers, Roger and Christine Jones have demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of their colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Roger and Christine Jones for their years of devoted service to Tennessee Technological University and the citizens of Tennessee as we extend them our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.